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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO EUROPE OF AIR FORCE SECRETARY JOHN L.
MCLUCAS, JR.

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1. EMBASSY EXPECTS VAST MAJORITY OF QUESTIONS SECRETARY
MCLUCAS MAY BE ASKED TO CONCERN ROLE AND FUTURE OF US
AIR FORCE, US MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE AND ATLANTIC
DEFENSE RELATIONSHIPS. USAF PRESENCE AND OPERATIONS IN
UK ARE NOT RPT NOT MATTERS OF KEEN LOCAL CONCERN AT
PRESENT.

2. PRESS AND PUBLIC INTEREST HAS BEEN SPARKED OVER
PAST FEW MONTHS BY FOLLOWING ISSUES, HOWEVER, AND
WHILE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ACTIVE IN RECENT WEEKS,
SECRETARY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS THEM:
- USAF USE OF DOGS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH (DOG-LOVING
BRITS OUTRAGED AT APPARENT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS)
- ORFORDNESS PHASEOUT (SEC'Y SHOULD BE BRIEFED ON
BACKGROUND OF FACILITY CLOSURE AND AGREED PRESS GUIDANCE
ON SITE PURPOSE AND REASONS FOR CLOSURE)
- HARRIER SALE TO SPAIN VIA US (LABOR PARTY SUPPOR-

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DICTATORSHIPS; NAVY OR OSD SHOULD PROVIDE AGREED PRESS
GUIDANCE).

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